

Emerging Scholars Workshop – DEMOCRACY Melbourne, 20-21 June 2008

On 20-21 June 2008, the Institute for Social Research (ISR), Swinburne University of Technology, will again host an [Emerging Scholars Workshop](#). The workshop is for students who are currently pursuing fourth year or postgraduate studies in Australia or New Zealand, or who have recently completed fourth year honours.

All students who are currently writing a postgraduate or fourth year thesis, or who have recently completed a fourth year thesis, on the topic of **Democracy** are encouraged to apply for a place. We welcome applications from students working on theoretical, comparative, or empirical aspects of democracy. Topics can also involve analysis of democratic institutions such as parliament, voting methods and political parties.

Participants from outside Melbourne will have their **accommodation expenses covered** by the ISR, which will also make a **generous contribution towards the travel costs** of all non-Victorian participants.

The workshop will be run by Professor Brian Costar, who is Professor of Victorian State Parliamentary Democracy, Professor Denise Meredyth, who heads the Citizenship and Governance Program of the ISR, and Peter Browne, who is the editor of Australian Policy Online, in conjunction with other ISR staff and research associates. The ISR hosts the Democratic Audit of Australia <http://democratic.audit.anu.edu.au>.

Participants will be expected to take an active part in discussions and to engage with each other's research as well as with key debates in their field. The workshop's objectives are different to those of a conventional academic conference. It is envisaged, first and foremost, as **an opportunity for a community of emerging scholars to come together in order to support, challenge and inspire each other**. The feedback from participants in a similar workshop at Swinburne last year can be viewed on <http://www.sisr.net/cag/docs/2007scholars.doc>.

Students, who are interested in taking part in this workshop, need to **apply by Friday 30 May 2008**. Applications need to include the following:

- curriculum vitae
- description of current or recently completed research project (no more than one page)
- name and contact details of one academic referee
- academic transcript (only for current fourth year honours students, and students who recently completed fourth year and are not enrolled in a postgraduate course)

Completed applications need to be sent by fax or by email to:

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